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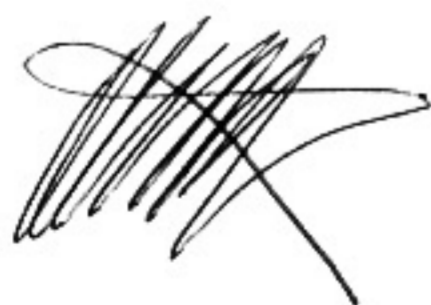
The year 2014 saw Carolina Marin winning the gold medal at the World Championships in Copenhagen. I would consider this wonderful sporting achievement as the greatest of last year's badminton highlights. That our sport has been listed among the first 16 sports for inclusion in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games sports programme is another one. Not to forget Badminton Europe's former President Poul-Erik Høyer, becoming a member of the International Olympic Committee. We will remember the year that has passed when presenting the nominees for the BEC Player Of The Year Awards.

But we have many things to look forward to in 2015 as well. Beginning with the 2015 European Mixed Team Championships in Belgium where the best 12 European teams will fight for the most prestigious European team title. A few pages of the magazines you are holding in your hands right now are dedicated to the event in Leuven. It is in fact a historic event as it is the first time the event is played with a final of 12 and we will reflect on the qualification events as well. We are also looking forward to bringing the best Junior player of Europe to the Polish city of Lubin in the end of March and in June the city of Tours will be hosting the European Club Championships.

Also featured in this magazine is an interview with Badminton Europe's Director for Communications, Richard Vaughan, a portrait of one of the most iconic European badminton players of all time, the BEC Hall-of-Famer Erland Kops. And we spoke to Denmark's Joachim Fischer who is one of the most successful European players for a decade.

The magazine is designed with a new and inspiring design and we are keen to hear what you think of the design and not least of the content. Your comments are always most welcome.

I hope you will enjoy reading.



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